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LETTER DATED 21 JUNE 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF AZERBAIJAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to inform you that, taking advantage of internal political tension in Azerbaijan, Armenian armed forces have sharply stepped up their military activities in Agdam and Agdere districts of the Azerbaijani Republic.

As a result of the week-long fighting and the continuous rocket artillery shelling, half of the town of Agdam has been destroyed. The surrounding villages were burnt to the ground and pillaged. Around 100 civilians were killed and the majority of the inhabitants have been evacuated. During the offensive by the Armenian armed formations, eight settlements in Agdam district were occupied (Ablad, Gyulably, Azhinli, Aliagaly, Alimaatly, Mollalan, Galaichilor and Bashinlar).

Tension also persists in the vicinity of the district centre of Agdere, where there is an ongoing build-up of Armenian forces and military equipment which have been channelled from Armenia through the occupied Kelbajar district.

By these military actions, the Armenian side has once again shown that it has no intention of complying with Security Council resolution 822 (1993) or the schedule of urgent measures proposed by the nine countries of the Minsk Group.

In this connection I request you, Sir, in your capacity as President of the Security Council, to call upon the authorities of the Republic of Armenia to comply strictly with Security Council resolution 822 (1993), of 29 April 1993, and to demand that the Republic of Armenia desist immediately from its military activities and hostile acts with a view to establishing a lasting cease-fire and securing the immediate withdrawal of all the occupying forces from the territory which Armenia has seized from Azerbaijan.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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